

## HARDEST FIGHTING

Of the Present War Was Done on Tuesday.

## ON BANKS OF THE MODDER

Cream of British Army Met by Determined Resistance From 10,000 Boers—Battle Waged Fiercely for Fourteen Hours—Soldiers Were Mowed Down Under Merciless Fire. Boers Retreated at Night—British Occupy Their Position.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The Daily Chronicle publishes the following dispatch, dated Wednesday, November 29th, morning, from its correspondent at Modder River Camp:

"The severest engagement our columns has yet had, and probably the severest of the whole campaign, was fought yesterday on the banks of the Modder river. The battle was waged fiercely for nearly fourteen hours.

"The enemy occupied a strongly entrenched position, their front extending five miles along the bank of the stream. They were well supplied with artillery and fought desperately.

"Our force consisted of the second battalion of the Coldstream guards, the first battalion of the Scots guards, the third battalion of the Grenadiers and the first battalion of the Northumberland fusiliers, the second battalion of the Yorkshire light infantry (the King's own), a part of the first battalion of the Royal North Lancashire regiment, the Ninth lancers, the Mounted infantry, three batteries of field artillery and the first battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's).

"The latter reinforced us from general Wauchope's brigade and arrived just in time for the fight. The battle started at daybreak, our guns shelling the Boer's left. The enemy replied with artillery, Hotchkiss and Maxim's, and the artillery duel lasted some hours. Then there was a brief lull in the enemy's operations, of which the general immediately took advantage. Our infantry advanced across the plain towards the river in two brigades. The guards, on the right, were met by an awful hail of bullets from the enemy's sharpshooters, posted close to the river on the opposite bank. Ours had no cover whatever, and were simply mowed down. It seemed impossible to live through the terrible fire, but the brave fellows did not retreat an inch.

"The Boer fire was horribly accurate; and they must have numbered at least 10,000.

"The Scots guards advanced 600 yards before they were fired on. Then they had to lie down to escape the deadly fusillade which lasted without intermission, throughout the day.

"The Highlanders made several attempts to force a passage of the river, but they were exposed to such a murderous enfilading fire that they had to retire after they had suffered terribly.

"Subsequently a party of the guards got over and held their own for hours against a vastly superior force.

"The general opinion of the staff is that there had never been such a sustained fire in the annals of the British army as that which our troops had to face yesterday. Our men fell in dozens while trying to rush.

"Among the heroic deeds, one of the most conspicuous was that of Lieutenant Colonel Codrington, of the Coldstream Guards, Captain Seipen, of the Queensland contingent, and a dozen members of the Coldstream guards, who jumped into the river and swam nearly to the other side in the face of a steady fire, but who were forced to retire and, joining hands swam back, two of their number being nearly drowned in the retreat.

"The British guns kept up a heavy fire all day; and fearful havoc was wrought on the Boer positions, the enemy being forced to fly from their entrenchments. Night put an end to the terrible bloodshed. The infantry brigade was dreadfully cut up.

"The Boers retreated at night, taking their guns with them, and we are now occupying their positions. The enemy's loss was tremendous.

"All the news from Natal emphasizes the difficulties before General Cloy. There is growing a belief that some delicate flanking operation has been entrusted to some tactician while General Hildyard carries out the direct front demonstration.

"The latest advices from Ladysmith, dated Saturday, November 25, say the shelling of that place was continued.

"It also appears that General Schalk-burger, commanding the Boers, sent a message suggesting that all the wounded be sent to a neutral camp, and that General White peremptorily refused, when it is added, the Boers deliberately shelled the hospital.

"All accounts agree that the Boer shells were much more damaging than previously. A number of civilians and police were killed or wounded while the Liverpool and Gloucester battalion lost eleven men November 24.

"The Boer force at Colenso is estimated to be 15,000 men, with fifteen guns.

A local farmer arrested by the Boers and released November 29, has arrived at Estcourt. He says General Joubert personally commands the Colenso force.

A letter from an officer at Ladysmith reveals a novel feature of a modern battle. The writer says that at the battle of Relfontein several ladies arrived on bicycles. Of course they kept at a distance, but a shell pitched close to them, causing them to pedal off to a safer position.

## Pensions and Postmasters.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Pensions have been granted to West Virginia applicants as follows:

Restoration and Re-issue—Isaac Wagner, (deceased), Hebron, \$10. Increase—David Smith, Anzonia, \$5 to \$8; Martin V. Pitcher, Palestine, \$12 to \$14; and Henry H. Guseman, Grafton, \$10 to \$12. Absalom Meredith, Lumberport, \$6 to \$8; Jacob Casto, Leon, \$6 to \$8. Re-issue—C. B. S. Van Meter, Martinsburg, \$8.

An order has been issued changing the name of the post office of Cherry Creek, in Harrison county, W. Va., to Bristol. Truman Coffman has been commissioned the new postmaster.

## Entertaining Wedding Guests.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 4.—The executive mansion is entertaining a number of guests, who are here to attend the marriage, on Wednesday, of Miss Florence Atkinson, daughter of Governor Atkinson, to Mr. B. D. Avis. Among the visitors are Miss Rinehart and Miss Rice, of Wheeling. Miss Nell Atkinson is also at home from Baltimore, where she has been attending school, and Mr. George W. Atkinson, Jr., home from Nesbota, Wisconsin.

## Ex-Senator Davis' Liberality.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 4.—Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis has authorized the executive committee of the Children's Home Society of West Virginia to erect a building in this city, at his expense, for use as a children's home. He agrees to pay \$10,000 for the building and to contribute \$10,000 annually towards its support. Governor Atkinson is the president of the society. Mrs. Senator Elkins is also personally interested in this worthy charity.

## Companies Mustered Out.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 4.—Orders have been issued from the adjutant general's office mustering out Company A, First regiment, at Elkins, and Battery B, the old artillery company, at Berkeley Springs. The two cannon which were sent from the capital some time ago to Berkeley Springs are to be sent to Morgantown, for the use of the cadets.

## FINANCE AND TRADE

## The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Money on call and closed strong at 6 1/2 per cent; last loan 12 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4 86 1/4 for 60 days; and at \$4 81 1/4 for 90 days; posted rates \$4 82 1/2 and \$4 87 1/4. Commercial bills \$4 80 1/4 for 60 days. Silver certificates 58 1/2 per cent. Bar silver 58 1/2. Mexican dollars 47 1/2.

## Government bonds strong.

## State bonds inactive.

## Railroad bonds easier.

The weakness of stocks to-day was a response to the world-wide tightness in money. A marked effect was also produced by the supreme court decision in the Addystone Pipe case, involving an infringement of the anti-trust law by an industrial combination. Strengthened efforts were made by professional operators to belittle the force of this decision on the ground that the party to the case was a particularly flagrant illustration of a trust formation, and that the points in the case could not apply to the general run of industrial combinations, but the acute effect produced on the securities of these combinations of holders that their value would be impaired by the decision. Stocks of the industrial felt anywhere from one to over three points and showed but a feeble rallying power. In fact there seemed to be no resiliency at any point in the market. There was some early strength in Burlington, some in Great Northern preferred and American Lumber preferred, but with the downward course begun there was practically no interruption and the closing was at the lowest, the majority of active stocks showing net losses of a point or over. Sugar was conspicuous, and closed 3/4 down at 28 1/2. May sold from 32 to 32 1/2, closing unchanged from Saturday 29 1/2; May sold from 32 to 32 1/2, closing unchanged from Saturday 29 1/2.

Oats were firm, a good cash demand being the strengthening factor. 24,000 bushels were worked by one concern alone. The local stock, 945,000 bushels, increased 73,000 bushels. The visible expanded 268,000 bushels. May ranged from 23 1/2 to 23 3/4, closing unchanged from Saturday 23 1/2; May sold from 23 to 23 1/2, closing unchanged from Saturday 23 1/2.

Local receipts were 259 cars. Provisions opened strong, and though the market eased off some, the firmness was maintained to the close. January pork was 12 1/2, cash was 12 1/2; the outside demand improved and there was considerable talk of a shortage in products on January delivery day, all of which was productive of backbone for the price. There was considerable buying of lard and ribs and of January pork. The advance was checked by standing selling orders, but the early gain, January pork ranged from \$9 45 to \$9 57 1/2, closing 5 over Saturday at \$9 50. May ranged from \$9 60 to \$9 70, closing 2 1/2 at \$9 65, and May ribs from \$5 15 1/2 to \$5 20, closing 5 higher at \$5 20.

Estimated receipts to-morrow: Wheat, 115 cars; corn, 575 cars; oats, 309 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

## The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat, No. 2	28 1/2	28 3/4	28 1/2	28 1/2
Dec.	28 1/2	28 3/4	28 1/2	28 1/2
May	29 1/2	29 3/4	29 1/2	29 1/2
Corn, No. 2	20 1/2	20 3/4	20 1/2	20 1/2
Dec.	20 1/2	20 3/4	20 1/2	20 1/2
May	21 1/2	21 3/4	21 1/2	21 1/2
Oats, No. 2	22 1/2	22 3/4	22 1/2	22 1/2
Dec.	22 1/2	22 3/4	22 1/2	22 1/2
May	23 1/2	23 3/4	23 1/2	23 1/2
Meat Pork	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 1/2
Dec.	12 1/2	12 3/4	12 1/2	12 1/2
May	13 1/2	13 3/4	13 1/2	13 1/2
Lard	9 1/2	9 3/4	9 1/2	9 1/2
Dec.	9 1/2	9 3/4	9 1/2	9 1/2
May	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/2	10 1/2
Short Ribs	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/2	5 1/2
Dec.	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/2	5 1/2
May	6 1/2	6 3/4	6 1/2	6 1/2

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour	Wheat	Corn	Oats
No. 1	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 2	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 3	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 4	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 5	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 6	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 7	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 8	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 9	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 10	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 11	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 12	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 13	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 14	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 15	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 16	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 17	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 18	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 19	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2
No. 20	60 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2

## Stocks.

Atchafalpa 2 1/2, Mo. Pacific 4 1/2, do preferred 6 1/2, Mobile & T. 1 1/2, B. & O. 10 1/2, N. Y. C. & H. R. 11 1/2, C. & D. 12 1/2, N. J. Central 12 1/2, Ches. & Ohio 13 1/2, N. Y. Central 13 1/2, Chicago & W. 14 1/2, Norfolk & W. 15 1/2, do preferred 16 1/2, N. Y. C. & H. R. 17 1/2, B. & O. 18 1/2, N. J. Central 19 1/2, Ches. & Ohio 20 1/2, N. Y. Central 21 1/2, Chicago & W. 22 1/2, Norfolk & W. 23 1/2, do preferred 24 1/2, N. Y. C. & H. R. 25 1/2, B. & O. 26 1/2, N. J. Central 27 1/2, Ches. & Ohio 28 1/2, N. Y. Central 29 1/2, Chicago & W. 30 1/2, Norfolk & W. 31 1/2, do preferred 32 1/2, N. Y. C. & H. R. 33 1/2, B. & O. 34 1/2, N. J. Central 35 1/2, Ches. & Ohio 36 1/2, N. Y. Central 37 1/2, Chicago & W. 38 1/2, Norfolk & W. 39 1/2, do preferred 40 1/2, N. Y. C. & H. R. 41 1/2, B. & O. 42 1/2, N. J. Central 43 1/2, Ches. & Ohio 44 1/2, N. Y. Central 45 1/2, Chicago & W. 46 1/2, Norfolk & W. 47 1/2, do preferred 48 1/2, N. Y. C. & H. R. 49 1/2, B. & O. 50 1/2, N. J. 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